



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 17, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Community and Senior Services' recommendation to approve and authorize the Director to execute amendments to contracts with 20 service providers for additional funding that exceeds 25% of their original contract amount for Older Americans Act 'One-Time-Only' funds, received from the California Department of Aging, for the provision of nutrition, family caregiver, supportive services and care management services, effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2007.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Family caregivers provide almost 80% of all care needed by frail elderly relatives. In addition, there is a growing population of grandparents and other relatives raising grandchildren or great grandchildren. Both types of caregivers have special needs and if not met, caregivers risk stress, strain, poor health and even death.

"The Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) currently manages contracts with 49 agencies to provide support services to family caregivers. In November 2006, CSS received over \$3 million additional One-Time-Only dollars from the California Department of Aging (CDA) to be used to support family caregivers in Fiscal Year 2006-07. Since that time, CSS worked with the network of aging agencies in our County and the CDA to plan for the use of the additional funds. As a result, we have before us today contract amendments totaling \$2.9 million dollars to serve more meals to seniors, buy equipment, improve current services and provide outreach, training and respite services to caregivers of older adults.

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“However, \$276,000 of the total still remains available. In view of the great need to strengthen our network of services for caregivers in the County through education, training, support, respite, care management and legal services, it is important to use the remaining funds before the end of the fiscal year so that we don't have to return valuable One-Time-Only funds to the State.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Director of Community and Senior Services attached recommendations;
2. Directed the Director of Community and Senior Services to report back to the Board in one week on identification of added services that existing Title III-E Family Caregiver Support service agencies can provide for caregivers; and
3. Delegated authority to the Director of Community and Senior Services to further amend contracts to use the remaining funds before the end of Fiscal Year 2006-07.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Director of Community and Senior Services